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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated April 3, 2003, the period of response for which is hereby extended by four months to September 3, 2003, Applicant hereby elects claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 11, without traverse, and further submits a preliminary amendment directed to the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks directed to Applicants' election begin on page 5 of this paper.